Raw water for Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant

†2794. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached to provide raw water for the Sonia Vihar Water Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, raw water is likely to be provided for the said project; and

(d) whether this quantity of water would conform with the installed capacity of the project, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that it was informed in December, 1988 that Government of Uttar Pradesh has agreed to reserve 300 cusec of raw water in Tehri Dam storage for Delhi's water supply provided Delhi Administration agrees to share the cost of the Dam. The willingness of Government of NCT of Delhi of share the cost of the Dam was conveyed on 28.4.1989.

(c) and (d) The DJB has further informed that Tehri Dam Hydro Corporation has indicated that initial release of 30 cusec of water would start by mid December, 2005. The installed capacity of the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant is 140 million gallons per day (mgd).

Financial assistance for development of infrastructure in Mumbai

2795. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought more financial assistance from Government to develop needed infrastructure in Mumbai which has badly been ruined due to heavy unexpected monsoon rains;

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